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To the Commander in Chief of the Air Defense Forces

Moscow

I am reporting about the violation of the Soviet Union's airspace by an aircraft of the United States Air Force on 1 Jul 60.

At 1723 hours on 1 Jul 60, the Radio-Technical Forces of the 21st Air Defense Corps detected an aerial target in the Barents Sea on a southerly course at an altitude of 9000 meters, distance of 225 kilometers from the Rybachij Peninsula (Latitude 71 degrees, 55 minutes, Longitude 32 degrees, 15 minutes).

Since I was in the Headquarters of the 21st Air Defense Corps at the time, I scrambled a MiG-19s and later a T-3 into the zones: over the Kilp-Yavr airfield and over Kil'din Island.

By that time, the target had gone to the point at Latitude 70 degrees, 42 minutes; Longitude 31 degrees, 45 minutes, turned to a course of 120 degrees, and started to close on the coast.

With the goal of averting a violation of the airspace by this unidentified aircraft, I ordered the MiG-19s fighter to go out on a parallel course into neutral [international] waters.

At 1757 hours, the pilot visually acquired a bomber with US markings. At that moment, the target violated the airspace of the Soviet Union, 22 kilometers from Cape Svyatoj Nos on a course to Archangel'sk. The fighter was informed of this and given orders to come from the left and give the signal "to follow me for a landing."

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The American aircraft did not react to the fighter's signal and attempted to break away from it by a sharp turn.

At 1803 hours, the pilot, Captain V.A. Polyakov, seeing Cape Svyatoj Nos beneath him, and knowing that the target had violated the State Border of the Soviet Union and was trying to evade him, opened fire and shot down the American RB-47 aircraft east of Cape Svyatoj Nos over the territorial waters of the Soviet Union.

After a while, Soviet trawlers picked up two survivors of the shot down aircraft in the territorial waters of the Soviet Union. They were: the aircraft's navigator, (RANK) (NAME), (SERVICE) and the co-pilot, (RANK) (NAME) , (SERVICE). Later, the corpse of the pilot, (RANK) (NAME), was picked up.

Findings:

1. The American RB-47 bomber flagrantly violated the airspace of the Soviet Union.

2. The aviator, Captain V.A. Polyakov, acted correctly in accordance with Ministry of Defense order no. 0049, dated 4 Jul 58.

3. The RB-47 aircraft was conducting an intelligence/spy mission.

ENCLOSURE: Wiring diagram of the RB-47 aircraft, ch/b No. 913 on one page, for the addressee only.

COMMANDER, 10TH INDEPENDENT AIR DEFENSE ARMY

General Lieutenant of Aviation

(N. PETRUKHIN) [Signature]

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